

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK” AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

MAY 15, 2003.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 180]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 180) supporting the goals and ideals of “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week” and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

This resolution supports the goals of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. It honors these individuals and recognizes the important and dangerous duties that these employees perform on a daily basis to safeguard the public and provide care for incarcerated individuals.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

S. Res. 24 was agreed to in the Senate on March 12, 2003. It designates the week beginning May 4, 2003, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

This resolution supports the goals and ideals of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week and honors the service of correctional officers and employees. The operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of the criminal justice system of the United States. Correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity. Correctional personnel are responsible for the care, custody, and dignity of the human beings charged to their care. This resolution recognizes the demanding circumstances and danger correctional employees and officers face daily in their work.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H. Res. 180.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On May 7, 2003, the Committee met in open session and ordered favorably reported the resolution H. Res. 180 without amendment by voice vote, a quorum being present.

VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE

In compliance with clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee notes that there were no recorded votes during the Committee's consideration of H. Res. 180.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee reports that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, are incorporated in the descriptive portions of this report.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

H. Res. 180 does not authorize funding. Therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is inapplicable.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is inapplicable because this resolution does not provide new budgetary authority or increased tax expenditures.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

In compliance with clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee believes that the bill will have no cost for the current fiscal year 2003, and for the next five fiscal years. The Committee has not received any agency estimates of the cost of H. Res. 180.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the authority for this legislation in article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The preamble of this resolution states that the House of Representatives recognizes the important contribution that correctional officers and employees make in our society and recognizes the week beginning May 4, 2003, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week." The House of Representatives supports the ideals and goals of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, and honors all correctional officers and employees for their service to their communities, States and the Nation.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee notes that H. Res. 180 makes no change to existing law.

MARKUP TRANSCRIPT

BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. [Chairman of the Committee] presiding.

[Intervening business.]

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Next item on the agenda, pursuant to notice, I now call up the resolution, H. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week for purposes of markup and move its favorable recommendation to the full House. Without objection, the resolution will be considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

[The resolution, H. Res. 180, follows:]

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 180

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week” and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2003

Mr. STRICKLAND (for himself, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week” and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees.

Whereas the operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of the criminal justice system of the United States;

Whereas correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity;

Whereas correctional personnel are responsible for the care, custody, and dignity of the human beings charged to their care;

Whereas correctional personnel work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work lives; and

Whereas S. Res. 24 of the 108th Congress, as agreed to on March 12, 2003, designates the week beginning May 4, 2003, as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Correctional Officers and Employees Week”; and

4 (2) honors all correctional officers and employ-
5 ees for their service to their communities, States,
6 and the Nation.

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Chairman SENSENBRENNER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Coble, for 5 minutes to explain the resolution.

Mr. COBLE. I thank the Chairman. I will not take 5 minutes. As you all may know, May 4th kicked off the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. This week we recognize correctional officers and employees across the Nation and applaud their dedication and service to our country.

Their daily duties to safeguard the public and the incarcerated are oftentimes dangerous, and I gladly support

H. Res. 180 that encourages the goals of the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.

I am now pleased, Mr. Chairman, to yield to my friend from Wisconsin, Mr. Green, who has great interest in this bill and was one of the original cosponsors.

Mr. GREEN. I thank the gentleman for yielding. The gentleman has described the resolution well, and the reasons and purposes behind it. As we all know, correctional facilities play a fundamental role in our Justice Department. These facilities are a lot more than buildings, however. They are made up of dedicated and hard-working professionals who ensure the safe and secure operation of our prison system. They have a difficult and often dangerous job, they work in the most challenging of environments, and yet our criminal justice system could not possibly operate without them.

Correctional employees are public servants. They deserve honor and recognition, and they deserve our gratitude, and thus the reason for this resolution.

I urge support and adoption for this resolution. I yield back my time.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Chairman, I reclaim it. I thank the gentleman. I yield back.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Anyone on the minority side wish to make an—the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, for the reasons already articulated, I support the legislation and urge us to pass it quickly. Yield back.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Without objection, all Members may include opening statements in the record at this point.

Are there amendments? Are there amendments? The Chair hears no amendments, and a reporting quorum is now present. The question occurs on the motion to report the resolution, H. Res. 180, favorably.

Those in favor will say aye.

Opposed, no.

The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion to report favorably is adopted.

Without objection, the staff is directed to make any technical and conforming changes, and all Members will be given 2 days, as provided by the House rules, in which to submit additional dissenting supplemental or minority views.